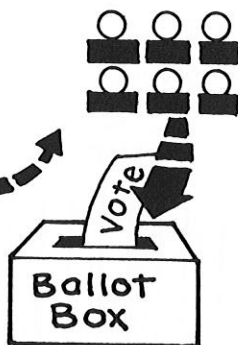


THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE



The Electoral College was created by the Constitution because the Founding Fathers did not want the President elected by Congress or the people. It is a group of delegates chosen by the voters to elect the President and Vice President. On Election Day, the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, voters mark a ballot for President and Vice President. They do not actually vote for the

candidates, but they select electors, or delegates, to represent their state in the Electoral College. Each state has as many votes in the Electoral College as it has Senators and Representatives. There are 538 electors. The electors meet in December on a date set by law to cast their votes. The results are sent to the president of the Senate who opens them. A candidate must receive 270 or a majority of the electoral votes to win. After two representatives from each body of Congress has counted the Electoral votes, the results are officially announced in January. The public knows the results right after the November election because the news media figured them out. They are not official until the Electoral votes have been counted by Congress. A candidate may win the popular vote but lose the election.

Answer **True** or **False** to the following statements. The circled letters in the **True** answers spell out the names of two Presidents who lost the popular vote but won the election.

- _____ The electoral resUlTs are announced in January.
- _____ The Founding Fathers did not want Congress to select the President.
- _____ Each state has the same number of electors.
- _____ The first Tuesday after the first Monday in November is Election Day.
- _____ December is when the Electoral College meets.
- _____ Voters actually vote for the delegates.
- _____ Congress and the public nominate the candidates.
- _____ A ballot is marked by voters in November.
- _____ A majority of Electoral votes make a winner.
- _____ There are five hundred thirty-eight electors.
- _____ The election for President is the first Tuesday in December.
- _____ It takes two hundred seventy votes to win the Presidency.

The two Presidents are _____.